

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Rental arrears as on 1.3.97 are Rs. 472.59 lakhs.

(b) There has been no waiver case during the last one year.

(c) The year-wise details of rental arrears recovered during the last 3 years are as under :

Year	Amount
1994-95	51.82 lakhs
1995-96	92.88 lakhs
1996-97	113.13 lakhs

(d) Necessary action as per rules has been initiated to recover pending rental arrears.

[Translation]

Regularisation of Colonies

2703. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any proposals to regularise unauthorised colonies of Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b) Proposals have been received from the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi for regularisation of unauthorised colonies in Delhi as existed on 31.3.1993. However, in CWP No. 4771/93, the High Court of Delhi has restrained the respondents including Union of India, from taking any decision or action to regularise any unauthorised colony till further orders. The matter is still sub-judice.

[English]

Drought Prone Areas Programme

2704. SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of districts in different States of the country under D.P.A.P. schemes, State-wise;

(b) whether any project proposal has been submitted by the Government of Tripura for implementation of D.P.A.P. in South Tripura District of the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to accord sanction to the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Under the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), 155 districts in 13 States are presently covered. The State-wise coverage is attached as statement.

(b) and (c) As per the available information, no project proposal has been received from the Government of Tripura for the implementation of D.P.A.P. in South Tripura district. Even otherwise, Tripura and other North Eastern States of the country have not been covered under the Programme, since these States do not fulfil the criteria of percentage rainfall and irrigation as well as of Moisture Index, which is an index of moisture stress on vegetation.

Statement

State	Number of DPAP Districts
1. Andhra Pradesh	11
2. Bihar	16
3. Gujarat	10
4. Himachal Pradesh	3
5. Jammu & Kashmir	2
6. Karnataka	11
7. Madhya Pradesh	25
8. Maharashtra	22
9. Orissa	8
10. Rajasthan	10
11. Tamil Nadu	15
12. Uttar Pradesh	18
13. West Bengal	4
Total	155

Oil Selection Board

2705. SHRI K. KANDASAMY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government is aware that at present the posts of Chairman and Members of Oil Selection Board (Southern Region) are vacant; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to expedite the appointment of Chairman and Members?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b) Oil Selection Boards have since been